

stock. Her children are ashamed to go to school now, because their father is in jail and they put him in jail because he won't pay child support. He can't pay child support because he is unable to work. She had been working for the past 15 months so this isn't a case of somebody trying to mooch and sponge from the public till. She asked remember, the County Commissioners who should be willing to hear situations like this, they ask her where is your husband, and she told them which hospital and they promptly had him put in jail. He may still be there now. I told her that as soon as I come from down here today I'll look into it and if he is in jail I'll do everything I can to get him out.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes, for what purpose do you rise now?

SENATOR KEYES: Well Mr. President, not only Senator Chambers but any other Omaha Senator that is interested in why this is a possibility ought to go with Senator Chambers and find out just what it is and if there is some legislation that we need to pass it should be on the books and passed immediately.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We are now ready to move the the General File consideration of LB565. Senator Syas.

CLERK: Read LB565

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I move that LB565 be advanced to E & R Initial. LB565 as I remember was a committee bill and it was brought to us by the Game Commission to solve a problem that exists. On the Missouri especially where you have dikes being made, and after you change the river, but before a back of a dike fills in with silt it is still part of the river and fishermen have been by boat going in and out of these places fishing. Now this has been going on for years because it is considered as part of the river, a bayou off the river that is accessible by boat. Keep in mind that the waters of the state as long as they are public waters. The land underneath is not public, it is privately owned, but any stream bayou's that are accessible by boat, not by portage, please understand should be allowed to be used by the general public. What happened on the Missouri some of the people that wanted to make this area for their own particular use have put chains or fences or something like that across the neck to keep the general public out. This bill's intent is to define that bayous are still part of the river until they are filled in with silt and then they become unaccessible by boat. But until that happens this allows the people to be doing what they have been doing I guess every since we have had boats to have access to water behind the dikes if they can get there by boat and not portage.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, I support Senator Syas in this and I would also suggest would it not be against Federal laws for this to be done on navigatable streams, I recognize that perhaps the federal people do not have enough agents out here to see that these things are being done and I support the prospect that the state should try and protect its people but it would occur to me also that it would be against federal laws for them to be putting chains across any rivers since they also come under the federal jurisdiction.